

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 11, line 4 with the following rewritten paragraph:

- - In the preferred embodiment, the microvoided layer should have a total ~~absorbant~~ absorbent capability of at least 14.0 cc/m^2 , i.e., should be such as to enable at least 14.0 cc of ink to be absorbed per 1 m^2 . This is a calculate number, based on the thickness of the microvoided polylactic acid layer. The actual thickness can be determined by using the formula $t = 14.0/v$ where v is the void volume fraction defined as the ratio of voided thickness minus unvoided thickness to the voided thickness. The actual ~~thickness, if~~ thickness of an extruded monolayer can be easily measured. If a co-extruded layer, photomicroscopy of a cross-section can be used to determine the actual thickness. The unvoided thickness is defined as the thickness that would be expected had no voiding occurred, for example, the cast thickness divided by the stretch ratio in the machine direction and the stretch ratio in the cross direction. - -